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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2002, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to May 29, 2002, Applicants submit the following comments and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the first Office Action:

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain pending in the present application. Initially, Applicants note that the Examiner failed to provide a copy of Lickfield et al. (US Patent no. 5,484,645) with the outstanding Office Action. While Applicants have obtained a copy of the patent, the Examiner is requested to forward a copy of PTO Form 892 citing Lickfield et al. for Applicants' file.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2d ¶

Claims 1, 12 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2d ¶, as being indefinite due to the phrase "distinct zones". Applicants traverse this basis for rejection and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner objects to the phrase "distinct zones" because the specification "does not clearly define them".

Initially, Applicants submit that those skilled in the art would have no difficulty understanding what is meant by the language of claim 1, for example, which is specifies 'multiple component filaments made of two different polymers which are arranged in substantially distinct zones across the cross-section of the filaments'.